



Dear Parent/Guardian

Years 10, 11, 12 and 13 have returned to school and it was good to see nearly all of them back on site. **Younger pupils will be able to return on Monday 12th April**, immediately after the Easter holidays, and we hope to see them all back with us. You were given a lot of information in the previous bulletins at the end of last week, this bulletin builds upon this.

If you have further questions after reading this then you can contact your progress and welfare leader ( [BI6a7@penweddig.ceredigion.sch.uk](mailto:BI6a7@penweddig.ceredigion.sch.uk) or [BI8a9@penweddig.ceredigion.sch.uk](mailto:BI8a9@penweddig.ceredigion.sch.uk) ) or the school office ( [ymholiadau@penweddig.ceredigion.sch.uk](mailto:ymholiadau@penweddig.ceredigion.sch.uk) ).

I will also be holding a **question and answer session for parents of years 7, 8 and 9 on Fridays at 2.30pm.**

<b>Microsoft Teams meeting</b> Join on your computer or mobile app <a href="#">Click here to join the meeting</a>	Friday 26/3/21 2.30pm
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## Return to school arrangements

### Arriving and leaving school

School transport will be running for eligible pupils. Pupils will be expected to wear a mask on the buses. I would be grateful if you could transport your child to school to try to keep the numbers on the buses down. In order to reduce traffic congestion on the school site we ask that you drop off your children near the school car park rather than immediately in front of the building.

The school has received complaints that some parents park their cars at the entrance to Padarn Crescent at the end of the school day and that this has created problems. On behalf of the residents we kindly ask parents to avoid parking there.

### Attendance

During the lock-down period it has been common for parents to contact Progress and Wellbeing Leaders about 'absences' but now that we are returning to the school site we would ask you to email [abs@penweddig.ceredigion.sch.uk](mailto:abs@penweddig.ceredigion.sch.uk) if it pupil is going to be absent.

If you have concerns about your children returning, please contact your progress and welfare leader to discuss these.

### School uniform

If you have any problems with school uniform and would like to purchase any items, then you can do so via [www.alisonjonesschoolwear.co.uk](http://www.alisonjonesschoolwear.co.uk) or call 01970 625288 for 'click-and-collect'. We understand that clothing stores will be open from the 12th of April and there will be an opportunity to resolve any clothing issues.

## Timetable

KS3 pupils return on Monday 12th April. This will be **week 2** of the timetable. The timetable for the day will remain the same, but in the first few days we will extend registration slightly to support pupils on their return - time will come from lesson 1 and the rest of the timetable will remain the same.

## Canteen

This will be open when pupils return after Easter. At present the canteen continues to use cash, but work has taken place during the lock-down period to prepare the system to move towards a cashless one.

## Health and safety arrangements

The previous health and safety arrangements will continue - this includes regular hand disinfection, temperature checks at the beginning of the day and adhering to certain zones of the school.

Pupils are expected to wear masks in the building **including in the classroom**. Remember that morning and afternoon breaks and lunchtimes are a chance to get outside. They do not need to wear a mask outside the building.

These health and safety actions follow national guidance. They are part of a risk assessment that enables us to operate full groups in the school. Without these expectations the school would have to run with smaller groups and they would reduce the numbers that could be present in school.

I understand that some pupils are worried about returning and others are looking forward. Pupils who are concerned can contact their progress and wellbeing leader and we try to ensure that support is in place for them. We can refer them to the school counsellor who will be returning to counselling in person after Easter, or other support from the Hafan.

## INSET days

The designated INSET day for Friday 28th May will continue. The INSET day earmarked for early July will move to Wednesday 9th June. This is a county date and the day will allow secondary schools to moderate GCSE, AS and A level grades internally and with other schools.

## Year 7: Parents' Evening

This will be held on Tuesday 4th of May (straight after the bank Holiday). Details of the on-line method used will follow.

## Year 9: Choices

The options process will continue once pupils settle back in to school. We have delayed several aspects of the process to ensure that we are able to give appropriate attention and support to pupils in the throughout making their choices.

I wish everyone a happy Easter holiday and look forward to seeing your child back at school on the 12th of April.



Dr Rhodri Thomas  
(Headteacher)